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DIRECTOR

MINUTES

Lansing Central MVTF Office
Lansing, Michigan

November 3, 2015
12:02 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairman John E. James, present
Vice Chairman Charles Kosal, present
Trustee Robert Williams, present
Trustee Barry Wood, present
Trustee Shawn Wilson, present
Trustee Brandi McBride, present
Edwin Fore, excused

Lindell Holm, *Director*
Dawn Bollis, *Dept. Analysis*
Mary Kay Robinson, *Financial Supervisor*
Erik Napieralski, *Dept. Tech*
Tom Diaz, *Dept. Tech*

Chairman John James called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

Ms. Robinson stated that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

Introduction of Guests

None

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Kosal/Wood) to approve the Public Minutes, of November 3, 2015, passed and carried.

Appeals & Reviews - Reconsideration

There were no personal hearings conducted at the November 3, 2015 emergent need work session. A total of 29 appeals and reviews were considered.

Case RH-1 (Sanilac County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a septic system (\$8,725.00). Your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income.

Case A-2 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a bathroom remodel (\$3,812.00). Your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-3 (Marquette County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for firewood (\$960.00). Your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-4 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$3,372.27 (DTE heat/electric and other services). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's resolve.

Case RH-5 (Kalamazoo County)

RESOLVED

Case A-6 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent (\$2,368.64). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-7 (Calhoun County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for balance of well repair (\$1,091.07). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-8 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for plumbing repairs (\$5,000.00). Your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-9 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof (\$13,533.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-10 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new furnace (\$1,932.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-11 (Manistee County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof (\$8,196.24). Your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s) and that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income.

Case A-12 (Muskegon County)

APPROVED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for \$1,600.00 for delinquent rental payment.

Case A-13 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,492.01; for electric (\$1,030.76), heat (\$201.00) and water/sewer (\$260.25). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-14 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,229.02; for electric (\$261.34) and propane (\$967.68). To qualify as a dependent of a Michigan veteran the child must be under the age of 19 and/or be considered physically or mentally handicapped dependent of a veteran prior to the age of 18.

Case A-15 (Saginaw County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$2,737.82; for auto repairs (\$2,080.62) and new tires (\$657.20). Your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RH-16 (Alcona County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a land contract (\$3,475.91). Your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RO-17 (Ingham County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for auto purchase (\$5,867.84). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s) and a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income.

Case A-18 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent auto insurance bill (\$689.86). Your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-19 (Gladwin County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for wood pellets (\$214.99). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RH-20 (Grand Traverse County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof (\$3,980.00). A review of your request has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case RH-21 (Chippewa County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,906.59; for a furnace (\$1,346.20) and propane tank and fill (\$560.39). The Board of Trustees determined that the applicant is not eligible due to remarriage after death of her spouse who was an eligible veteran. The subsequent remarriage makes her ineligible for a grant.

Case RH-22 (Clinton County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new or used furnace (\$2,743.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RH-23 (Mecosta County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new septic tank and drain field (\$4,790.00). They determined that other resources exist which are more suitable to meet this need and which should be exercised before the MVTF. If these agencies deny your request, please appeal this decision and provide documentation of their denial and point of contact information for these agencies on your appeal.

Case RH-24 (Montcalm County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new furnace (\$2,395.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-25 (Jackson County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for land contract payments (\$3,000.00). Review of your request has determined your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

Case A-26 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,827.50; for rent (\$1,727.50) and food (\$100.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s). The statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-27 (Oakland County)

PENDING

- The MVTF Board of Trustees will review this case on December 1, 2016.

Case RR-28 (Leelanau County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$3,272.64; for two months rent (\$1,640.00), two auto payments (\$729.50), two months auto/renter's insurance (\$382.26), 2 months internet (\$95.88) and electric (\$125.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s). The statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RH-29 (Lake County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof (\$5,500.00). Your request was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

A MOTION (Wood/McBride) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials that were made in the closed session, passed and carried.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved was **1/29** for **\$1,600.00**. Approved **1/18** Appeals for **(\$1,600.00)**, **0/9** Review/Housing for **(\$0.00)**, **0/0** Review/Medical for **(\$0.00)**, **0/0** Review/Conflict of Interest for **(\$0.00)**, **0/1** Review/Repetitive for **(\$0.00)** and **0/1** Review/Other for **(\$0.00)**.

Accounting Report

None

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (McBride/Wood) to accept the following appointment and re-appointment passed and carried.

The American Legion recommends the following **reappointments:**

Name	County	Term of Service
John Tyrell	Allegan – Independent	12-31-2018
Robert Drebenstedt	Charlevoix	12-31-2018
Robert Ahrns	Crawford	12-31-2018
John Lefler	Grand Traverse/Leelanau	12-31-2018
Mark Clark	Gratiot – Independent	12-31-2017
Walter Davis	Jackson	12-31-2017
Gary Harris	Lapeer	12-31-2017
Dennis Battle	Livingston	12-31-2016
William Swan	Mason	12-31-2017
Joan DeVoss	Missaukee	12-31-2016
G. Keith Davenport	Missaukee	12-31-2017
Paul Pettit	Montmorency	12-31-2018
Fred Smith	Osceola	12-31-2018
Melvin (Joe) Gabara	Presque Isle	12-31-2016
Jack Treppa	Roscommon	12-31-2018
Nicholas Lucas	St. Clair	12-31-2017

The American Legion recommends the following **new appointment:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Jim Butler	Ottawa – Independent	12-31-2016

The DAV recommends the following **reappointments:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Lewis Adams	Dickinson	12-31-2017
Randy Huyck	Ogemaw	12-31-2017

Recommendation of the following **New Independent appointment:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Victoria Stewart	Schoolcraft	12-31-2018

Recommendation of the following **Independent reappointment:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Martin Jackson	Eaton	12-31-2017

The VFW recommends the following **reappointments:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Tom Belanger	Alpena/Alcona	12-31-2018
Thomas Green	Cass	12-31-2018
David Wilson	Delta	12-31-2017
John Ozzello	Gogebic	12-31-2017

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

The Board of Trustees received proposed board meeting dates for FY 2016. Corrections and/or approvals will be done at the December 1st meeting.

MVTF Board Activities

Director Holm and Trustee James, Trustee Kosal, Trustee McBride, Trustee Wood and Trustee Fore attended the last working session for HB 4642 held on October 6th.

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm briefed the Board of Trustees regarding two VCAT kick-offs he attended with MVAA in the UP on October 27th and 28th.

Director Holm briefed the Board of Trustees regarding the Gross Pointe Memorial Veteran's Foundation Task Force he attended on Monday November 2nd.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he will be attending the Veterans Day Parade in Detroit on Saturday, November 7th, then going to the VFW in Sheridan (Montcalm County) for their Veterans Appreciation Dinner.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he will be attending the donation ceremony of the Forgotten Eagles in Saginaw on Sunday, November 8th 2015.

Good of the Order

Trustee Williams thanked the Trustees and staff for the nice gift and thoughts and prayers during his illness and he was glad to be back.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:09 pm

Approved:

John James, Chairman

Date